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SUBJ: OULD DADDAH'S STATE OF THE NATION ADDRESS: FOREIGN POLICY.

SUMMARY. ON OCCASION MAURITANIA'S 13TH INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH BROADCAST OVERALL REVIEW OF HIS COUNTRY'S FOREIGN RELATIONS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROJECTS. HE EXPLAINED MAURITANIAN ADHERENCE TO ARAB LEAGUE AS FURTHER STAGE IN ITS EFFORT PARTICIPATE IN GROWING MOVEMENT AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY. IN BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, HE SINGLED OUT ALGERIA, ZAIRE AND CHINA FOR WARMEST PRAISE. TERMED GIRM'S RELATIONS WITH FRANCE SOUND; SPAIN WAS TARGET OF ROUTINE CRITICISM FOR ITS SAHARA POLICY. USG RECEIVED FULL MARKS FOR DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

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1. MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH DECEMBER 4 BROADCAST HIS TWO AND ONE-HALF HOUR STATE OF THE NATION SPEECH. THIS ANNUAL EXERCISE, DELIVERED AT NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN PRESENCE DIP CORPS, HAD BEEN DELAYED ONE WEEK BEYOND ITS SCHEDULED NOVEMBER 28 DATE WHILE PRESIDENT ATTENDED ALGIERS ARAB SUMMIT AT WHICH MAURITANIA WAS FORMALLY ADMITTED AS NEWEST MEMBER OF ARAB LEAGUE (NOUAKCHOTT 1141). PRESUME SPEECH SUMMARY AVAILABLE THROUGH FBIS; FULL TEXT POUCHED DEPARTMENT (AF/N). IT PARTICULARLY USEFUL AS STATUS REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

2. IN DOMAIN FOREIGN POLICY, PRINCIPAL STRESS WAS ON RAPIDLY DEVELOPING AFRO-ARAB SOLIDARITY WITH CITATIONS EXPLAINING WISDOM AND BENEFITS OF GIRM'S MOVE TO JOIN ARAB LEAGUE. PRESIDENT DRAMATIZED JUST HOW FAR PROCESS HAS GONE IDENTIFYING THIS SELF-PROCLAIMED "BRIDGE" COUNTRY WITH ARAB WORLD WITH REVELATION THAT GIRM HAD SUBSCRIBED DOLLARS ONE MILLION TO CAPITAL OF NEWLY CREATED ARAB BANK FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF BLACK AFRICA.

3. DIP CORPS WHICH ATTENDS SPEECH EACH YEAR, MUCH AS SCHOOL BOYS AT ANNUAL PRIZE DAY CEREMONY, TOTTERED OUT OF AIRLESS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BALCONY GENERALLY HAPPY. WESTERN REPS HERE HAVE COME TO EXPECT STRONG CRITICISM ON SUCH OCCASIONS FROM PRESIDENT, KNOWN FOR HIS ARDENT ESPOUSAL OF THIRD WORLD LIBERATION CAUSES AND THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC COMPLAINTS ABOUT INDIFFERENCE OF DEVELOPED WORLD. HOWEVER, TONE WAS MARKEDLY RESTRAINED THIS YEAR. FRANCO-MAURITANIAN RELATIONS IN WAKE OF LAST YEAR'S TRAUMATIC ACCORDS REVISION WERE PRONOUNCED TO BE ON SOUNDER BASIS; SPAIN WAS POLITELY PRODDED TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO UN RESOLUTIONS ON SAHARAN SELF DETERMINATION. US-MAURITANIA RELATIONS WERE SUCCINCTLY SUMMED UP AS "CONTINUING TO DEVELOP". (ELSEWHERE IN SPEECH, PRESIDENT GAVE US FULL MARKS FOR OUR MAJOR DROUGHT RELIEF ASSISTANCE). THE GENERAL WARMTH OF HIS COMMENTS THIS YEAR PROBABLY REFLECTED PRESIDENT'S PARTICULAR APPRECIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT DEPLOYED TO HELP MAURITANIA COPE WITH ITS DROUGHT DISASTER. (SEPTEL REPORTS HIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT FOREIGN DONORS GAVE, IN CASH OR KIND FOR DROUGHT RELIEF, AMOUNT EQUAL TO NEARLY HALF OF CURRENT NATIONAL BUDGET OF DLRS 53 MILLION).

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4. PRESIDENT CITED THREE COUNTRIES WITH SPECIAL WARMTH: ALGERIA, ZAIRE AND CHINA. ASSISTANCE OF ALGERIA IN TRAINING MAURITANIAN CADRES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE HERE FROM BOTH ALGIERS AND KINSHASA WERE REPEATEDLY MENTIONED. PEKING'S AID PROGRAM WAS HAILED AS MODEL OF "DISINTEREST, SERIOUSNESS AND EFFICIENCY. (DAY PREVIOUS HAD SEEN INAUGURATION OF PRC PROJECT SUPPLYING WATER TO CAPITAL, THE MAJOR SUCH EVENT AMONG SEVEN PROJECTS INAUGURATED THIS WEEK. RE CHINESE INTENTIONS CONSTRUCT NOUAK-

CHOTT PORT, A PRIORITY ITEM FOR GIRM, SPEECH NOTED ONLY THAT PRC HAD FINISHED ITS "TECHNICAL STUDY" AND WAS ENGAGED IN ITS "ECONOMIC" STUDY). PRESIDENT ALSO MADE WARM REFERENCE TO NORTH KOREAN SUPPORT AND TO HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH PRINCE SIHANOUK.

5. RE ARAB LEAGUE, PRESIDENT COMMENTED THAT MAURITANIA'S ADHERENCE WILL ENABLE COUNTRY PLAY EFFECTIVE ROLE IN UNITING THE "COMPLEMENTARY" ACTIVITIES OF BLACK AND ARAB AFRICAAN "WHOSE COMMUNITY OF INTEREST AND IDEALS IS THE AXIS OF OUR EXISTENCE AND FOUNDATION OF OUR HOPES". HE PLEDGED HIS COUNTRY'S FULL SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN'S "INALIENABLE NATIONAL RIGHTS" INCLUDING RESTORATION OF ALL THEIR OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. (HE DID NOT LIMIT HIS REFERENCE JUST TO TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN 1967).

6. SEP MESSAGES WILL TREAT THOSE ASPECTS OF SPEECH DEALING WITH LABOR, EDUCATION, CULTURAL AND PARTY DEVELOPMENTS AS WELL AS IMPLICATIONS OF GIRM'S DECISION TO "GET TOUGH" WITH MIFERMA, THE FRENCH IRON MINING CORPORATION WHICH IS THIS COUNTRY'S MAJOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE EARNER. NEGOTIATIONS OVER DEPOSIT OF MIFERMA FOREIGN CURRENCY EARNINGS IN CENTRAL BANK HAVE REACHED DEADLOCK. SPEECH CONCLUDED WITH PLEA TO CITIZENS TO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND GET ON WITH BUSINESS OF HELPING THE PARTY AND GOVERNMENT DEVELOP THIS COUNTRY, REFLECTING THEIR PRESIDENT'S STERN AND AUSTERE WORK ETHIC WHICH HE HOPES TO SEE MORE WIDELY SHARED.MURPHY

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